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**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development** 

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)** 

Grant Recipient: The HUB Youth Center Federal Tax ID: 20-8959508

Project Title: Project Type: Equipment and Materials

# The HUB Youth Center - After School Program

State Funding Requested: \$30,000 House District: Juneau Areawide (3-4)

One-Time Need

#### **Brief Project Description:**

The HUB After School Program is designed for middle school and high school students. The purpose of the HUB ASP is "to provide a safe and positive environment for young people that encourages them to succeed" This request is specifically for mechanical replacement/repair of heating system and for media equipment & chairs.

#### **Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost: \$1,467,654
Funding Already Secured: (\$1,407,654)
FY2012 State Funding Request: (\$30,000)
Project Deficit: \$30,000

Funding Details:

2007- 1,232,364 JCC Financing and cash

2008- 724 HUB ASP cash,

2008- 24,566 HUB ASP State of Alaska Grant 2010- 150,000 HUB ASP Rasmuson Grant

Total 1,407,654

# **Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Mission: The HUB Youth Center's After School Program's mission statement: "to provide a safe and positive atmosphere for young people that encourages them to succeed".

Need for the Program: Adolescence is a difficult period of life. Self-destructive behaviors are common and have lifelong impacts. With one in four teens contracting STDs, three in four having used alcohol or drugs, one in four students dropping out of high school and teen suicide on the rise, young people in our communities are at risk. Research shows that the after school hours are particularly critical for youth. Negative behaviors triple during this time. Nationwide statistics indicate that after school programs can play a key role in the betterment of youth by providing healthy and productive alternatives during the critical hours right after school from 3 to 6pm.

Another vital need for this particular program is that many youth living in our community do not have the same financial means as others. The HUB is the only youth center located in the Lemon Creek area, a lower income part of Juneau and will charge no admission fee. The HUB After School Program was developed to provide positive and productive activities for the youth of Juneau. The program will encourage social skills, physical fitness, and academic success in a caring environment

Services Provided: After School Program for Middle School and High School students. Structured times consisting of

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socialization, mini-courses, and homework. Tutoring by local school teachers and screened volunteers will be provided during the homework hour. The program will be staffed with one paid program director, one part-time employee and 7 to 10 volunteers daily. The board of directors consists of six members and an independent 501(c)(3)corporation. Mini Courses will be offered to students in areas such as basic home and business finance (checking, saving, credit protection, revolving debt) the arts (music, acting), health and fitness, and technology. In order to provide for positive socialization, the main activity room will be utilized which offers a cafe, video games, iPod homework stations, table games (pool, foosball, ping pong), a plasma TV for sporting events and movies, a lounge area and performance stage. A full size gymnasium will be available for physical fitness.

Description of Project: The HUB facility has a central activities room, containing media resources, game tables, music and computer stations, a cafe, lounge, and performance stage. It also includes multiple classrooms for the mini-courses. Each classroom seats 70 students and will contain sound equipment for teaching and amplifying instruments and vocals. Video projection equipment will also be available for presentations. The physical fitness facilities (gym) will be accessible and utilized for one of the mini-courses.

Community involvement and participation plays a key role in the HUB ASP. Local professionals have volunteered to help with mini-courses and local school teachers and other screened adults have volunteered to help with tutoring. Juneau Youth Services and REACH have also utilized the facility from time to time. We are currently coordinating with the local schools, school buses transport the students directly after school to the facility.

The Capital request of \$30,000 will help to complete certain aspects of the project to enhance and expand the HUB After School Program. The following are the approximate totals: Mechanical finish-\$21,000/ Classroom finish-\$9,000.

Mechanical Finish; This will complete the furnace installation and include replacement of existing pumps to classrooms to integrate and combine heating systems of the mainroom and classrooms. Installation of thermostats for classrooms, offices, and workroom. Installation of make/up tank for the purpose of pressurizing heating system.

Classroom Finish; Media equipment procurement will consist of four projectors, five screens, ten speakers, five DVD players. It will include purchase of one hundred chairs.

The HUB ASP capital request of 30,000 falls under two "project type" categories both "Equipment and materials" and "Remodel, reconstruction and upgrades"

#### **Project Timeline:**

Procurement of equipment would begin Oct. 15, 2011, Furnace installation/replacement work would begin November 2011. Completion of project would be March 2012.

### **Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

HUB ASP-Operations cost. JCC-ongoing maintenance.

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